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Letter dated 25 June 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee

During the recent session of the Special Committee, the possibility of the Committee's visiting Tokelau was raised. When he met separately with the Committee for the informal dialogue, the Ulu-o-Tokelau, Faipule Pio Tuia, enccuraged such a visit. The Ulu noted that the matter had been discussed at the General Fono in February 2002 and that Tokelau looked forward to receiving a mission in the near future.

It is my pleasure formally to extend an invitation from New Zealand, as administering Power, to the Committee to visit Tokelau and Wellington for discussions during the month of August 2002. Owing to the forthcoming general election in New Zealand and the holding of the Pacific Forum in the second week of August, I would suggest a timing that involved arriving in Tokelau on Monday, 12 August, for a visit of four to five days, followed by discussions in Wellington on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 August.

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